

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a” and 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, division VI, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

In 2013, the Board of Educational Examiners created a military exchange license to streamline the process of obtaining Iowa licensure for military personnel. These amendments are proposed to align the existing military exchange license rule with the requirements of the Home Base Iowa Act, passed by the Iowa Legislature in 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, division VI. Specifically, the Home Base Iowa Act’s definitions of “military service” and “veteran” are incorporated into subrule 13.17(4); a provision is added to allow an applicant to apply for credit for verified military education, training, or service applicable to any experience or educational requirement for licensure; and the implementation sentence for Chapter 13 is updated.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments before 4 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2014. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the address below, or sent by e-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

This amendment is subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

After analysis and review of this rule making, it is anticipated that the proposed amendment would have a positive impact on jobs by facilitating the licensure of veterans for employment in Iowa schools.

This amendment is intended to implement 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, division VI.

The following amendment is proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 13.17(4) as follows:

13.17(4) Military exchange license.

a. Definitions.

“Military service” means honorably serving on federal active duty, state active duty, or national guard duty, as defined in Iowa Code section 29A.1; in the military services of other states, as provided in 10 U.S.C. Section 101(c); or in the organized reserves of the United States, as provided in 10 U.S.C. Section 10101.

“Veteran” means an individual who meets the definition of “veteran” in Iowa Code section 35.1(2).

a. b. Spouses of active duty military service members applying under 13.3(2). A three-year nonrenewable military exchange license may be issued to the applicant under the following conditions:

(1) The applicant has completed a traditional teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited and state-approved two- or four-year college.

(2) The applicant is the holder of a valid and current or an expired teaching license from another state.

(3) The applicant provides verification of the applicant's connection to or the applicant's spouse's connection to the military by providing a copy of current military orders with either a marriage license or a copy of a military ID card for the applicant's spouse.

(4) This license may be converted to a one-year regional exchange license upon application and payment of fees.

~~b. c.~~ *Recent veterans (retired or discharged within the past five years as of the date of application) Veterans or their spouses applying under 13.3(2).* A five-year teaching license or a one-year exchange license may be issued to an applicant who meets the requirements of 13.17(4) "~~a b~~"(1) and (2). A veteran must provide a copy of the veteran's DD 214. A spouse must provide a copy of the veteran spouse's DD 214 and the couple's marriage license.

~~e. d.~~ *Spouses of active duty military, ~~recent~~ service veterans, or ~~recent~~ veterans' spouses applying under 13.3(3).* If the applicant has completed a nontraditional teacher preparation program but is not eligible for a teaching license, the applicant will be issued a substitute license, and the initial review for the portfolio review process will be completed by board staff. An applicant must provide verification of connection to the military outlined in 13.17(4) "~~a b~~"(3) or 13.17(4) "~~b c~~."

e. Military education, training, and service credit. An applicant for the military exchange license may apply for credit for verified military education, training, or service toward any experience or educational requirement for licensure by submitting documentation to the board of educational examiners. The applicant shall identify the experience or educational requirement to which the credit would be applied if granted. The board of educational examiners shall promptly determine whether the verified military education, training, or service will satisfy all or any part of the identified experience or educational requirement for licensure.

~~d. f.~~ *Fees.* Fees for the background check, evaluation and license issued pursuant to 13.17(4) will be limited to the fee outlined in rule 282—12.1(272), paragraph "2."

ITEM 2. Amend **282—Chapter 13**, implementation sentence, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272 and 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, division VI.